

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9 and 10 have been canceled.

Claim 14 was indicated as being objected to for depending from a rejected claim. However, claim 14 was made dependent from claim 17 in the response filed September 15, 2003. Since claim 17 has been allowed, claim 14 should also be allowed.

Since only allowable claims remain in the application, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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